

To whom it may concern:

I only know a little about the situation but last night we had a severe storm in St. Louis and I had been in the city while my family was at home. The storms approached from the west so it was eminent that the storm would reach my family before I could get there. Due to XM's weather channel I was aware of the possible areas where rotation was occurring in the storm system and was able to warn my wife and to tell her where they should be safest in the basement if something did occur such as a tornado and there were warnings out. This is supposed to be a free country so let's not infringe on that please. I don't see anything that could be considered as harmful from satellite radio. Truthfully the real issue once again becomes lobbyists. Lobbyists speak for corporations in most cases and not for the people. I think that disturbing this space would cause a large amount of concern regarding our rights as citizens and I would be very distressed regarding my true access to freedom in the future. That being said if XM isn't paying federal taxes in the U.S. I think there should be changes made in that regard. Just as we can ask telemarketers not to call us anymore we do not want to have to be bombarded with advertising just to listen to the radio. We have the internet so we can explore our options as consumers if necessary. I will contact my local representative to see what governments concerns are here since I do not know the whole story.